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HASSLE ENDED

NED CALMER: "That hassle between Central Intelligence Agency Director, Richard Helms, and Democratic Senator J. William Fulbright was ended today by a personal apology from Helms for writing a letter praising a newspaper editorial which had attacked Fulbright.

"The Senator himself had no hard feelings, for, as he put it...."

FULBRIGHT: "I thought his statement was a very forthright and honest statement. He acknowledged that he'd made a mistake in signing this letter, that he explained the circumstances, which I think are understandable. On the whole I think he did an excellent job of explaining what -- a mistake which any of us, of course might make, but because of the sensitive nature of this agency it aroused more concern than it normally does, of course."

CALMER: "Senator Fulbright indicated that no other members of the Foreign Relations Committee, of which he's the Chairman, would join Democrat Wayne Morse in demanding the resignation of Helms from his post as Chief of the intelligence agency."